



**IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title : METHOD FOR OPERATING TRANSPARENT NODE FOR WDM  
SHARED "VIRTUAL RING" NETWORKS

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 10, 2005 please amend the above-identified application as follows.

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.